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PRESS RELEASE

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RE: UNITED STATES v. DOMINICK DELLACCIO

Acting United States Attorney Kathleen M. Mehlretter announced today that Dominick Dellaccio, age 60, of Lockport, New York, pleaded guilty to federal racketeering conspiracy charges before the Hon. Richard J. Arcara, Chief United States District Judge. As part of his guilty plea, Dellaccio specifically admitted that, in his position as former President and Business Manager of Laborers Local 91, he and other Local 91 members were responsible for acts of violence and property sabotage directed against both union and non-union tradespersons working in Niagara County, N.Y. The racketeering charge was the main count of an Indictment which accused a total of fifteen Local 91 members with a variety of federal offenses, including extortion, and it carries a maximum penalty of 20 years imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000.00, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr., and Assistant U.S. Attorney Brett A. Harvey, who are handling the case, stated that the charges arose from a lengthy criminal investigation conducted by a variety of federal, state and local agencies into the activities of Laborers International Union of America, Local 91 (hereinafter "Local 91"), based in

Niagara Falls, New York. According to the Indictment, certain Local 91 members, including Dellaccio, engaged in repeated acts of extortion at a number of construction projects in Niagara County, New York, over a six year period of time. To date, five other defendants have been convicted of racketeering conspiracy, two defendants were convicted after a jury trial of extortion, two other defendants were convicted of attempted destruction of a Alliant Food Service truck, and another defendant was acquitted of trying to destroy the Alliant truck. The former head of Local 91, Michael "Butch" Quarcini, passed away following his indictment. Another Local 91 member pleaded guilty to perjury in connection with the investigation. Four remaining defendants are awaiting a trial currently scheduled for September. It should be noted that the fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime . . . is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. (**Disciplinary Rule 7-107(B)(6)**).

As part of his guilty plea, Dellaccio admitted that he and other members of Local 91 committed the following acts of violence and sabotage:

1. property destruction and sabotage at the Lockport HSBC Bank construction site Target in 1997; and
2. participation in a mass attack upon members of the bricklayers union at a Wegman's construction site in September, 1998.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Hochul stated that this case demonstrates that the responsibility for the acts of violence and destruction of property committed by certain

members of Local 91 led to the highest levels of the union management structure, that is, President and Business Manager.

Ms. Mehltritt stated that her office continues to pursue allegations provided by other recently convicted Local 91 members in order to determine whether additional persons are responsible for violating federal law.

The plea was the culmination of a joint investigation on the part of the United States Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General, under the direction of Gordon Hedel, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter Ahern, the New York State Police, under the direction of Major Michael Manning, the Niagara County Sheriff's Office, under the direction of Sheriff Thomas Beilein, and the Niagara Falls Police Department, under the direction of Commissioner John Chella.

Sentencing is scheduled for November 30, 2005 in front of Hon. Richard J. Arcara, Chief United States District Judge.

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